Significant Changes to Operational Planning in 2008

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Major Developments

1. Formation of the Integrated Planning System (IPS)

2. Future Planning Focus at the NRCC

3. Increase in federal planning capacity

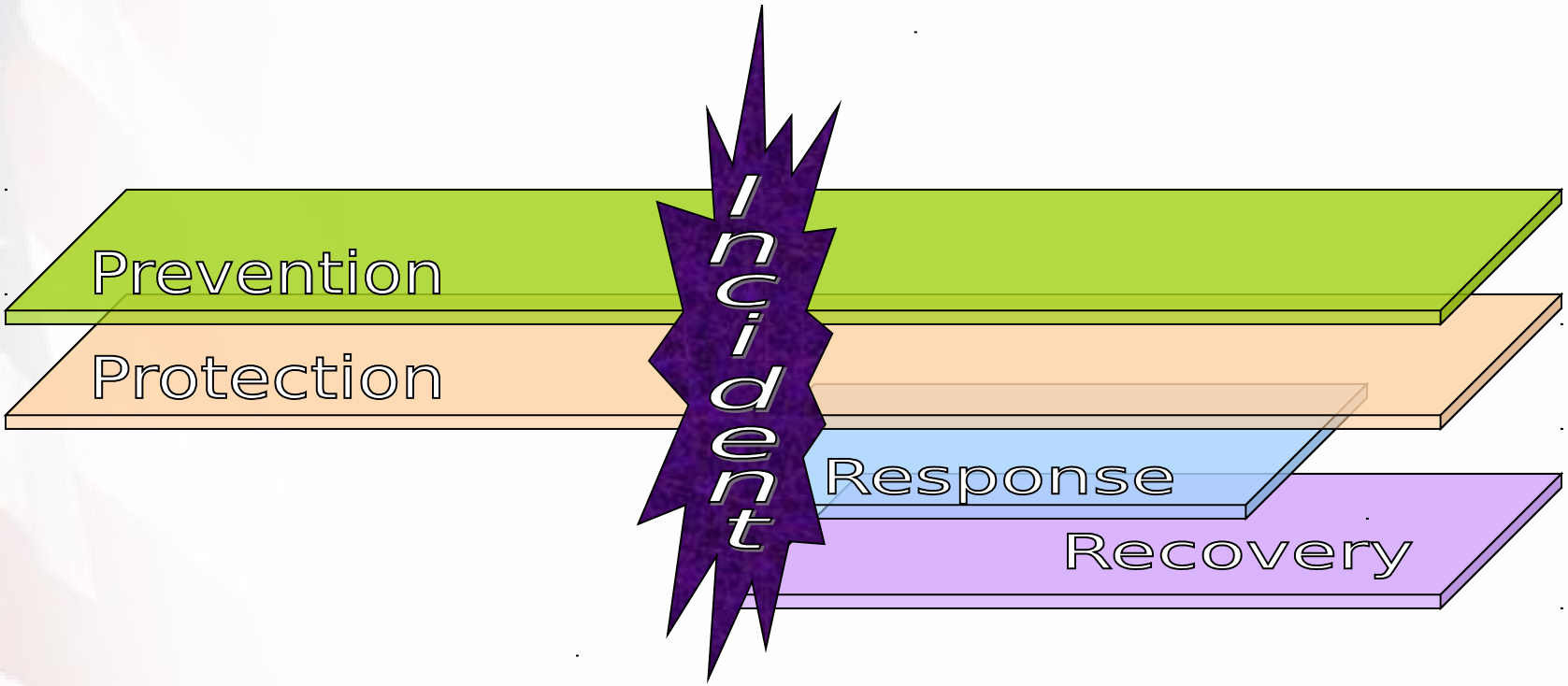
1. Formation of IPS

- Annex I, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 (HSPD-8), required the development of the “Integrated Planning System”.

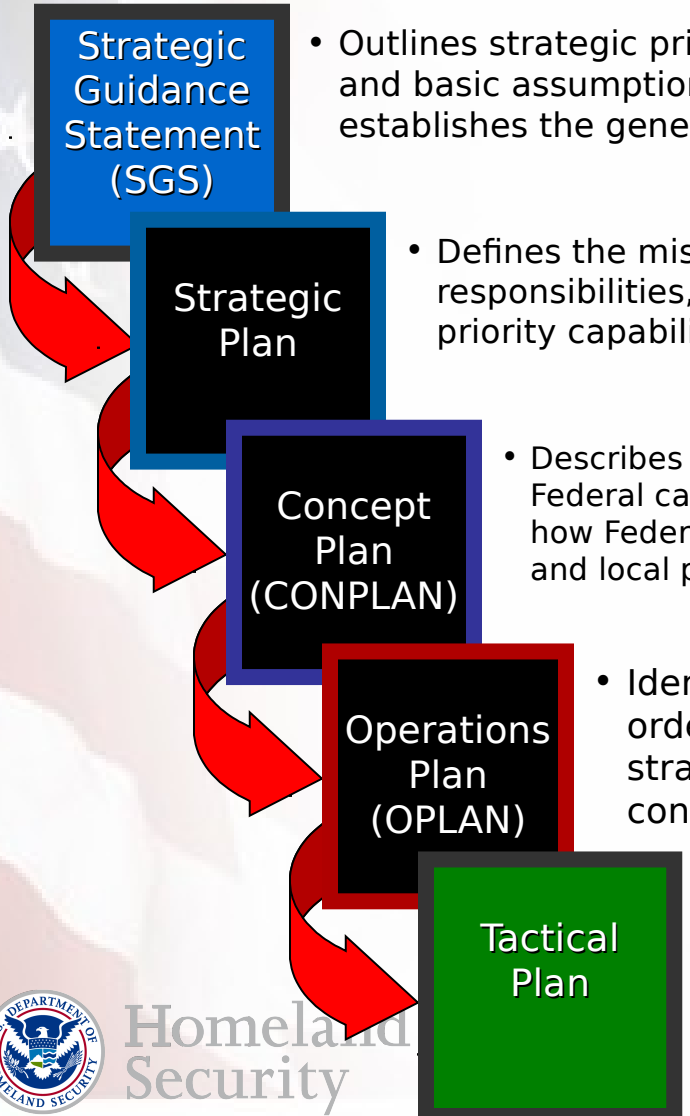
- IPS is the deliberate and dynamic system that translates policies, strategies, and planning guidance into a family of strategic, operational, and tactical plans.

- IPS applies to federal departments and agencies with an established or potential role in homeland security missions: prevention, protection, response, and recovery.

Homeland Security Missions



Types of IPS Plans



- Outlines strategic priorities, broad national strategic objectives, and basic assumptions; describes the envisioned end-state; and establishes the general means necessary to accomplish that end
- Defines the mission, identifies authorities, delineates roles and responsibilities, establishes mission essential tasks, required and priority capabilities, and performance and effectiveness measures
- Describes the concept of operations for integrating and synchronizing existing Federal capabilities to accomplish the mission essential tasks, and describes how Federal capabilities will be integrated into and support regional, State, and local plans
- Identifies detailed resource, personnel and asset allocations in order to execute the objectives of the strategic plan and turn strategic priorities into operational execution, and contains a the concept of operations with supporting annexes as appropriate
- Identifies individual task, actions, and objectives tailored to specific situations and fact patterns at an operational level.

IPS Integration End State

- Horizontal Integration – integrating the efforts of the Federal government across agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to threats

- Vertical Integration – a standardized approach that aligns the Federal government's national strategy in support of operational requirements by:
  - Establishing a consistent planning approach across all levels of government
  - Facilitating interrelated operational planning at each level of government with the adjoining level
  - Ensuring the coordinated and synchronized application of Federal government support to State and local governments

Benefits of IPS

- Standardizes operational planning processes and formats across all federal Departments and agencies
- Establishes a clear “family of plans” for federal, interagency plans
- Outlines roles and responsibilities for all planning partners (i.e,. Where does everyone fit in for operational planning?)

2. Future Planning Focus at the NRCC

- Establishment of the daily “Planning Meeting” for interagency partners
- Development of shared planning and situational awareness products (e.g., Future Outlook, Incident Status Board, VTC slides, etc.)
- Formation of group to focus on future planning coordination – part of NRCC Planning Section

3. Building federal planning

- Building towards overall professional development, skills, guidance, tools, etc., for operational planners throughout interagency
- Standardizing products and processes for use at all levels of federal planning
- Development of training curriculum for operational planning

Questions?